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FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor/Hydrologist *DWH*

RE: Documentation of Phone Conversation, Tenneco Minerals, Goldstrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

On March 9, 1990, at approximately 6:30 P.M., Mr. Ken Kluksdahl of Tenneco Minerals called me at my home to inform me that they had had another cyanide solution breach at the Goldstrike mine. Mr. Kluksdahl indicated that the breach had occurred around 4:30 P.M. that evening. He estimated that approximately 300 gallons of solution had escaped the containment berm adjacent to the access ramp to the heap.

Apparently solution had been pooling in a lower corner of the leach pad in the same vicinity where the previous breach occurred on February 21, 1990. The ponded solution broke through the containment berm in the area of the access ramp and spilled outside the leach pad area. Mr. Kluksdahl indicated they had started immediate neutralization of the spilled solution which was contained onsite. The breach had been repaired and heap leaching had been ceased on the pad. Because of nightfall they would not be able to complete detailed cleanup activities until the following morning.

Mr. Kluksdahl indicated he would next contact Mr. Kiran Bhayani of the State Department of Health, Bureau of Water Pollution Control to inform him of the spill. He would also solicit any other remedial measures Mr. Bhayani might require. He also indicated he would prepare a formal written notice of the solution breach early next week. I indicated that I would immediately try and contact my supervisor, Lowell Braxton to pass on this information.

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cc: Kiran Bhayani, BWPC
Ken Kluksdahl, Tenneco
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